

EZEKIEL JONES.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 407.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Ezekiel Jones, report :*

That they have carefully examined the proofs in the case, from which it appears that Ezekiel Jones was in the service of the United States for over forty years, in the army and navy. He held a commission as captain in the revenue marine for thirty years; the proof shows that he discharged his duty faithfully, and was highly complimented by Dickinson, of the Navy Department, in 1838, and by Commanders Mix and Wells. During the Florida war Captain Jones was captain of the Cutter Washington, and was complimented by T. A. Belton, commander of Fort Brooks. They further report that this case was before Congress in 1838, but, owing to his then acting as captain of a vessel, was rejected; but at the time this application was made, in 1858, he had not been a commander for over three years. His services in the navy embrace nearly all the time of the war of 1812 to 1815. It further appears that he was severely wounded on the brig "Siren," in an engagement with the enemy near the coast of Africa, as is proved by the affidavits of Surgeons Swift and John Anders, and Purser Coopers and J. Merrick; it also appears that he is totally disabled on account of a wound in the leg, made by a hook in saving a vessel in a storm in which he succeeded, Captain Jones then commanding a revenue cutter. This fact is proven by the affidavits of Newton Stover, captain, and the mate and surgeon.

From all the proofs in the case, which are voluminous and conclusive, your committee unanimously concur in the opinion that he is entitled to a pension, and, therefore, report a bill granting Ezekiel Jones such an allowance as is by law allowed for a captain, the pension to commence the first day of January, 1859, and continue during his natural life.

